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Shine as Lights in the World  
Philippians 2.15

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June 20<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

You don't need me to tell you that this week has been a hot one. The children have managed really well in the heat and I'd like to thank you for making sure your children come to school with water bottles, sunhats and sun lotion already applied. Please continue to do this, even if the sun isn't shining first thing in the morning. Thank you.

### **RE Week**

Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who gave up their time to support RE week. The children enjoyed visiting each of the stations under the shade of gazebos in the field and reflecting on the story of creation. They considered the things we need to stay alive – Light, Air, Earth & Water. Why not ask them what they learnt?

### **The Great Wychwood Bake Off**

The judges had another very difficult set of decisions to make when tasting the second round of the Bake Off. The children produced some fantastic looking and tasting cookies, but I can announce that the winners of this round are:

FSU & KS1 – Teddy L

LKS2 – Bryony

UKS2 - Abbie

We look forward to the final round on Monday when the finalists will follow a recipe and bake in school.

### **OPAL**

We introduced OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to the children yesterday and they have already had lots of fantastic ideas about how we can improve things for them at playtimes and how we can take care of the resources and each other while we are playing. Please bring in any donations of the following items so we can start to make some changes before the end of this term. We are looking for:

- Large Ikea type bags
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards



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- Old cushions and blankets/picnic blankets
- 'Small world' toys (Dinosaurs, Cars, Sealife, Minibeasts, Babies, Fairy Gardens, etc.)
- Duplo/Lego/MegaBlocs bricks
- Tarp, Bedding, large sheets of fabric
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character costumes for dressing up
- Pegs (to help to set up dens)
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Briefcases or suitcases, especially on wheels
- Wheelie bins/salt or grit bins (clean please!)

### **Swimming Pool Donation**

We would like to say a huge thank you to *For Different*, a local graphic design studio who have donated £250 towards the costs of running our swimming pool. This is incredibly generous and very welcome indeed! If anyone has yet to make their £5 donation to the running of the pool you can do so on Parent Pay.

### **Silver Birch Swimming**

A reminder that Silver Birch will have an extra swimming session on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Medieval Mayhem Day – Next Friday**

The children in Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic day today taking part in all kinds of activities linked to their upcoming visit to Warwick Castle. We hope they all had fun while they learned lots of new facts.

### **Summer Fayre**

Thank you for all your Tombola donations today. We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow for the Summer Fayre between 12 and 3pm.

### **Dates for the Diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Who</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> June, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Swimming – Chipping Norton	Group B
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer Fayre	All
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Wychwood Bake Off Final	Round 2 winners
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2 Music Festival – Burford School	Year 2 (+ Parents)
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Music Festival – School Hall at 2.45pm	Year 1 Parents
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – Races – 1.30pm – 3pm	Year 5 & 6 and Parents
26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Burford Transition Days	Year 6
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sulgrave Manor Visit	Year 3 & 4

27 <sup>th</sup> June	Move-up Morning	All
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 2 Cricket	Year 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 trip to Warwick Castle	Year 1 and 2
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Burford School Pastoral Team coffee morning – in the hall	Year 6 parents
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Sleepover	Year 2
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers BBQ 4.30 – 6.30pm	Year 6 (Parents from 6pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Cotswold Farm Park Visit	Reception
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 & 6 Performance – 7pm	Year 5 & 6 Parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Wychwood's Got Talent Final	All
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's service – Shipton Church 9:30am	Year 6 & Parents
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of term – 1.30pm Finish	All

### **Birthday Book Donations**

Happy Birthday's to Ava (Hazel) and Flora (Elm). Thank you for donating a book to your class. We hope you had a special day! If you would like to donate a book, please collect a donation sticker from the school office.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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